GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3078
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ENCROACHMENT OF RAILWAY LAND IN DELHI
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been encroachment both sides of the rail tracks from Subzi Mandi Railway Station to Khera Kalan railway station on Delhi-Panipat rail line and from Old Azadpur to Rampura railway crossing on Delhi-Rohtak rail line and thousands of jhuggis and pucca houses have been constructed on these lands;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to evacuate these lands; (

(c) whether Jhuggis have been removed by the Railways near Badli railwaystation in June, 2000 have again come up with the connivance of railway officials and the Delhi Police; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government would remove the same from there and action taken against officers found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) There are approximately 4600 number of encroachments on Railway land on both sides of the railway track from Subzi Mandi Railway station to Khera KalanRailway station on Delhi-Panipat railway line, and approximately 6300 number ofencroachments on railway land on one side of railway track between Azadpur and Rampura Cabin.

(b) Removal of encroachers from Railway land is a continuous process which is being undertaken under the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

(c) & (d) Approximately 200 number of unauthorised constructions, including pucca structures, were removed near Badli Railway station in June 2000. Subsequently, some encroachers are repeatedly pitching their tents in the area. These are removed by the Railway as and when these come to notice. However, the policy of rehabilitation of unauthorised occupants of Government land is presently under review by the Central Government. No connivance of Railway officials in the matter has come to notice.